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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of managing unread electronic messages comprising the steps of:  
providing an indication of the presence of unread electronic messages received;  
enabling scanning of the unread electronic messages received without reading; and  
~~generating an altering said indication to provide an annunciation that some of the unread electronic messages received are new electronic messages that have been received since the unread electronic messages received were last scanned.~~
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of providing an indication of the presence of unread electronic messages received comprises providing a visual display indicating the presence of unread electronic messages received.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, wherein the step of ~~generating an altering said indication to provide an annunciation that some of the unread electronic messages received are new electronic messages that have been received~~ comprises altering the visual display.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of Claim 3;~~ A method of managing unread electronic messages comprising the steps of:  
providing an indication of the presence of unread electronic messages received;  
enabling scanning of the unread electronic messages received without reading; and  
generating an indication that new electronic messages have been received since the unread electronic messages received were last scanned;  
wherein the step of providing an indication of the presence of unread electronic messages received comprises providing a visual display indicating the presence of unread electronic messages received;  
wherein the step of generating an indication that new electronic messages have been received comprises altering the visual display; and

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wherein providing the visual display indicating the presence of unread electronic messages received comprises providing an icon indicating the presence of unread electronic messages received and altering the visual display comprises altering the icon to indicate the presence of new electronic messages received.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein altering the icon comprises at least one selected from the group comprising: flashing, bolding, changing the size, and changing the color of the icon.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3 4, wherein altering the visual display further comprises adding indicia of new unread electronic messages received.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3 4, wherein providing the visual display indicating the presence of unread electronic messages received further comprises providing a visual indication of a count of unread electronic messages received.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of Claim 7,~~ A method of managing unread electronic messages comprising:  
providing an indication of the presence of unread electronic messages received;  
enabling scanning of the unread electronic messages received without reading; and  
generating an indication that new electronic messages have been received since the unread electronic messages received were last scanned;  
wherein the step of providing an indication of the presence of unread electronic messages received comprises providing a visual display indicating the presence of unread electronic messages received;  
wherein the step of generating an indication that new electronic messages have been received comprises altering the visual display;  
wherein providing the visual display indicating the presence of unread electronic messages received comprises providing a visual indication of a count of unread electronic messages received; and  
 wherein altering the visual display comprises at least one selected from a group comprising: bolding, flashing, changing the size, and changing the color of the count of unread electronic messages received.

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9. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the step of providing a visual display further comprises providing an unread mail icon indicating the presence of unread electronic messages along with the visual indication of the count of unread electronic messages, and altering the display to indicate the presence of new unread electronic messages received comprises altering at least one of the unread mail icon and the count.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein altering the display comprises adding to the visual display a second count of the new unread electronic messages received since the last scan.

11. (Currently Amended) A system for managing electronic messages received, comprising:  
a display;  
a message list of electronic messages received with identification of those that are unread;  
input means for selectively displaying the message list on the display for scanning for unread messages received;  
first indicator means on the display for indicating the presence of unread messages; and  
second indicator means on the display indicating comprising an alteration to said first indicator means to provide an annunciation of the presence of new unread electronic messages received since the message list was last displayed.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 11, wherein the first indicator means comprises a count of unread electronic messages displayed on the display in addition to the ~~indication~~ annunciation of the presence of new unread electronic messages received.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 12, wherein the ~~indicator means indicating~~ annunciation of the presence of new unread electronic messages received comprises an alteration to the count of unread electronic messages received.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 13, wherein the ~~indicator means providing an alteration to the count comprises indicator means~~ comprises at least one

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of: bolding the count, flashing the count, changing the size of the count and changing the color of the count.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 12, wherein the second indicator means ~~indicating the presence of new unread electronic messages received~~ further comprises additional indicia on the display.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 12, wherein the second indicator means further comprises a message icon on the display adjacent the count of unread electronic messages received and the ~~indication~~ annunciation of the presence of new unread electronic messages received since the message list was last displayed comprises means altering the message icon.

17. (Original) The system of Claim 16, wherein the means providing alteration to the message icon comprises at least one of: bolding the icon, flashing the icon, changing the size of the icon and changing the color of the icon.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 12, wherein the second ~~indicating~~ means ~~indicating the presence of new unread electronic messages received~~ further comprises a second count, which is a count of the new unread electronic messages received.